

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Allen Carl, et al. EXAMINER: David C. Comstock
U.S.S.N.: 10/601,014 GROUP: 3733
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FOR: SYSTEMS, METHODS, DEVICES AND DEVICE KITS FOR FIXATION OF BONES AND SPINAL VERTEBRAE (AS-AMENDED)

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

The following is in response to the Office Action mailed October 6, 2008, in the above referenced application.

A petition has also been filed herewith requesting a one (1) month extension of time to February 6, 2009, to respond to the above referenced Office Action. Applicants also conditionally petition for a further extension time to provide for the possibility that such a petition is required. As indicated below, please charge Deposit Account No. **04-1105** for the required fee.

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Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.